ACROSTICHUM.

Lin. Gen. Plan. 1173.

ACROSTICHUM septentrionale.

Spec. Plan. 1524. *Ray Syn.* 120. *Flo. Scot.* 656. *Flo. Ang.* 450. *Ger. Em.* 1561. *Park.* 1045.

TAB. VIII.

FORKED MAIDEN HAIR.

THE root consists of a number of fine, slender, brown fibres, connected to a small head.

The leaves from two to five inches high, linear and slender for more than half their length; above, they divide sometimes into two, sometimes into three or four lobes.

The lobes are about an inch in length, lance-shaped, one fifth of an inch in breadth, and veined lengthways; sometimes these lobes are intire, but often irregularly cut in on the edges, and forming little acute appendages on the sides, which are curved outwards.

Seed vessels first appear in small indistinct lines or dots on the back of the lobes, afterwards they flow together, and when the vessels burst, and the seeds